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UBER SAYS IT GAVE U.S. AGENCIES DATA ON MORE THAN 12M USERS

Uber on Tuesday released its first ever transparency report detailing the information requested by not only U.S. law enforcement agencies, but also by regulators. The ride-sharing company said that between July and December 2015, it had provided information on more than 12 million riders and drivers to various U.S. regulators and on 469 users to state and federal law agencies. The privately held company, valued at more than $60 billion, said the agencies requested information on trips, trip requests, pickup and dropoff areas, fares, vehicles and drivers. Uber said it got 415 requests from law enforcement agencies, a majority of which came from state governments. REUTERS

DECLASSIFIED: SECRETIVE NORTH KOREA LIFTS VEIL ON ARMS PROGRAM

Ahead of a rare ruling party Congress next month, secretive North Korea is revealing details of its weapons development program for the first time, showcasing its push to develop long-range nuclear missiles despite sanctions. Until recently, information on the North's weapons program was hard to come by, with foreign governments and experts relying on satellite imagery, tiny samples of atomic particles collected after nuclear tests and mangled parts and materials recovered from long-range rocket launches. No longer. In just over a month, the North has published articles with technicolor photographic detail on a range of tests and other activities that point to fast-paced efforts to build a nuclear-armed intercontinental ballistic missile. REUTERS

FORD PLANS TO MOVE MICHIGAN OFFICES INTO TWO NEW FACILITIES

Ford Motor Co. said on Tuesday it will modernize and consolidate its sprawling Dearborn, Michigan, engineering and headquarters facilities over the next decade into two Silicon Valley-style locations. The auto company plans to move about 30,000 employees now housed in 70 buildings, some of which were built in the 1950s. The company will rebuild or upgrade 7.5 million square feet of office space in the transition. One location will be focused on engineering, research, technology and vehicle development and the other centered around its headquarters building in Dearborn. The company declined to say how much it plans to invest in the makeover. Ford released artists' renderings of proposed workspaces with plants, contemporary furniture, open office designs and bright lighting. REUTERS

Brooklyn couple's storytelling lab opens new page for kids

Maggie Pouncey and Matt Miller ALICE CHENG

Stories Bookshop + Storytelling Lab will have a pop-up opening, filled with activities for children, on April 30 in honor of Independent Bookstore Day.

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A Brooklyn husband-and-wife duo will soon open the doors to a new bookshop, which hopes to help give children the opportunity to open their minds and explore the world of storytelling.

Maggie Pouncey and Matt Miller are the couple behind Stories Bookshop + Storytelling Lab, which will not only offer a selection of literature for children of all ages but will also feature a space where kids can expand their writing skills.

"I think for a lot of kids [writing] can be a way to express things that they are unable to express speaking to an adult or a friend," said Pouncey. "I think writing things down can really unlock a world, a private world, an imaginary world, a world of memories."

The first section of Stories — which will be located at 458 Bergen Street in Brooklyn — will be a shop carrying books for children ranging from infants through young adult.

The store will also include a section for parents, feature rare and out-of-print books, framed book art and also stationery and supplies young writers need.

"It will be a curated selection, but I really do think we are in the golden age of children's literature," Pouncey said about the books at the shop. "We are really excited to be showcasing those."

Along with the bookstore, Stories will also feature a storytelling lab for children between 5 and 14 years old that will offer activities, such as workshops and classes, for young readers and writers alike.

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Pouncey

For Pouncey — who is a novelist and writing instructor — offering this space for children was important because as a writer herself she spent a lot of time at writing workshops as both a student and teacher.

Although the first few months after opening will be used as an experimental phase to get a sense of what children are interested in, plans for the lab include offering genre-based creative writing workshops, bookmaking and illustrating classes, drop-in session where kids can bring in a project for feedback, and more.

She added that they also hope the space will attract real-life writers and authors who will not only participate in traditional book signings and readings, but will also be able to offer master classes to children to help them expand on their writing.

"We are really hoping it can be a community hub for bookish kids that can really discover that part of themselves," she said. "Making it a community both of published successful authors and also kids that are their audience."

Stories is currently still under construction, but plans to hold a soft pop-up opening on April 30, which is Independent Bookstore Day, and host some events for children.

Once construction is complete, plans are to officially open Stories by mid-May and Pouncey said that the overall dream for the shop is to become a place where children from all over will come and grow as storytellers.

"There are a lot of rules in life and your character don't have to follow those rules ad I think that kind of freedom can be great," she said. "I think it can be confidence boosting that you create a world that becomes real to other people."

Fundraising

The Brooklyn couple has also turned to Kickstarter to raise funds that will help further develop the look of Stories, finalize work with architects, complete the building of the Bergen Street space, install custom bookshelves, order books, and will also go toward hiring teachers for the classes.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the Kickstarter campaign had reached over $10,400 of the $25,000 goal.

For updates on Stories, Pouncey said people can check out the Kickstarter page or follow the shop @storiesbk on Twitter.

NYC teen pleads guilty in ISIS case

The teen pleaded guilty to nonterrorism charge of conspiring to impede federal officers.

A New York City teenager accused last year of helping a college student plan an Islamic State-inspired plot to set off a pressure cooker bomb in the city has pleaded guilty to a nonterrorism charge of conspiring to impede federal officers.

Imran Rabbani, who was 17 when he was arrested in June, pleaded guilty on Friday in federal court in Brooklyn, a spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Robert Capers said late on Monday.

As part of a plea deal, Rabbani agreed to drop an appeal of a November ruling allowing him to be tried as an adult for a prior charge of conspiring to provide material support to ISIS, said his lawyer, Richard Willstatter.

Rabbani, who faces a maximum of six years in prison, was one of six young men in New York and New Jersey charged last year in the investigation of a group of alleged supporters of ISIS, which has seized control of parts of Iraq and Syria.

More than 80 people have been charged since 2014 in U.S. federal cases related to ISIS, which has claimed responsibility for the Brussels bombings in March that killed 31 people and the Paris attacks in November that killed 130.

Authorities previously alleged that Rabbani, now 18, discussed with Munther Omar Saleh, a college student in the borough of Queens, plans to assemble an explosive device to set off in the New York metropolitan area.

In June, law enforcement followed the two men in a surveillance vehicle when Rabbani and Saleh got out of their vehicle and ran at the agents, prompting their arrest at gunpoint, authorities said.

The plea by Rabbani, previously identified only as "John Doe," regarded only the June incident.

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MORE THAN 80 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CHARGED SINCE 2014 IN U.S. FEDERAL CASES RELATED TO ISLAMIC STATE

"My client is not a member of ISIS and never claimed to be a member of ISIS," said Willstatter.

The other men in related cases in New Jersey have pleaded guilty. Nader Saadeh pleaded guilty in December to conspiring to provide material support to ISIS.

Prosecutors said Saadeh traveled to Jordan in May intending to get to either Iraq or Syria to join ISIS, but was detained by Jordanian authorities.

Prosecutors said Saadeh discussed his plans to join ISIS with his brother, Alaa Saadeh, as well as Samuel Rahamin Topaz, Saleh and Mummuni. REUTERS

LI 'Red Light Robin Hood' charged with damaging stoplight cameras

The so-called Red Light Robin Hood, a man known on Long Island for damaging stoplight cameras, was arrested Monday for allegedly breaking 19 cameras in Suffolk County.

Stephen Ruth, 42, was taken into custody around 10 p.m. at his home in Centereach after Suffolk County police trailed him there, the New York Daily News reported.

"He escaped them, but when they came to the house, he honorably turned himself in because he isn't doing anything wrong," Ruth's son wrote on his father's Facebook page, according to the Daily News. "He was just trying to help people and save lives."

Ruth has been arrested on similar charges in the past, CBS2 reported. In October 2015, he was charged with tampering with red light cameras in Ronkonkoma.

A red light camera DEREK JENSEN

"They call it a crime. I call it saving lives," Ruth was quoted by CBS2. "I never hid from my actions. I believe in what I'm doing, and I'm only trying to save lives."

Police said in the Daily News report that Ruth used a long rod to knock the cameras from their fixed position, making them unable to take snapshots.

Ruth, who claimed the cameras created unneeded danger at intersections in order to raise ticket revenue for the county, was due in court on Tuesday, CBS2 added. JASON NUCKOLLS

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Classics get prison terms

New York inmates who take Columbia University sponsored literature classes have a recidivism rate of less than 2 percent.

The debate over the Roman poet Ovid's use of "fugitive" in "Metamorphoses" was getting heated, but in the end the students — two murderers, a kidnapper and six other convicted felons — agreed to disagree.

Homer, Euripides and Virgil are all doing weekly stints at a New York women's prison this spring. Their works are being read by inmates enrolled in a Columbia University course organized by the nonprofit Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison, which aims to boost employment for convicts upon release and reduce recidivism.

About half of the 700,000 inmates who leave federal and state prisons each year in the world's biggest penal system will be reincarcerated within three years, according to the Justice Department. But those who have taken classes offered by a consortium of colleges through Hudson Link over 16 years — including in the infamous Sing Sing penitentiary — have a recidivism rate of less than 2 percent.

Taconic Correctional Facility, a medium-security prison that houses 350 women in suburban Bedford Hills, 40 miles north of New York City, is no stranger to drama. It's one of the locations where the Netflix hit series "Orange Is the New Black" is filmed.

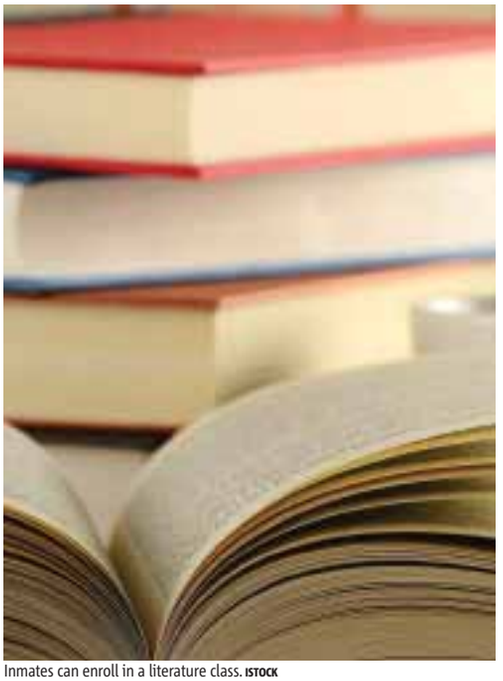
On a Friday evening, the crackling of a walkie-talkie on a corrections officer's uniform punctuated the debate over the mythological nymph Daphne's flight from a love-struck Apollo.

"Someone who is being described as a fugitive is someone who is supposed to be captured," said Jami Caesar, 38, who is serving five years for a drug conviction.

Her comment prompted an approving nod from professor Laura Ciolkowski, who teaches the literature humanities course through the Center for Justice at Columbia.

"I have to disagree," said Aisha Elliott, 44, a high school dropout when she began serving 25 years to life for murder in 1992 and is now working toward a master's degree. "Being a fugitive doesn't always end in capture."

Elliott, wearing the prison-issued green pants and shirts, reviewed a photocopy of the Ovid poem. Funds are too limited to buy many of the books on the syllabus. "He's saying, 'You should not have run from me. I'm not some shepherd. I'm Apollo! The nerve of you to run,'" she said.



Inmates can enroll in a literature class. ISTOCK

"Once you stop just acting and start to think, maybe you can take a different course of action and it can quite possibly keep you out of jail."

Featherstone

Elliott, now a grandmother after being locked up at 21, will be released from prison in early June. She intends to step for the first time onto a college campus and use the Columbia credits earned behind bars toward securing her master's degree at the top-ranked school in Manhattan, preferably in business. She hopes the Ivy League cachet will mitigate obstacles to employment that most ex-convicts face.

"Knowing I was going to get a Columbia education was actually more exciting than hearing I was going home after doing 25 years," Elliott said.

Esoteric analysis of ancient texts may seem a far step from the street smarts needed to survive in what Elliott calls "the free world."

But Taconic Prison Superintendent Wendy Featherstone said most convicts will eventually return to their old neighborhoods, and developing critical thinking skills may keep them from making the same mistakes that got them locked up in the first place.

"Once you stop just acting and start to think, maybe you can take a different course of action and it can quite possibly keep you out of jail," Featherstone said.

Studying the classics also is key to eliminating barriers that may shut inmates out of the ongoing debate over racial, social and economic inequality, Ciolkowski said.

"There is a really deep value for them to feeling, 'Yeah, I can read this stuff and talk about it. I'm part of a civil society and can be part of a larger conversation.' Because they are told they are not civilized," Ciolkowski said.

Elliott said she is eager to flex her new analytical muscles on the other side of Taconic's locked gates and barbed wire.

"Being able to disagree with somebody and it not be conflict is serious and real," Elliott said. "It teaches you humility." REUTERS

Finding a way for funding

Prison education funding is still struggling from deep cuts triggered by a sweeping 1994 federal crime bill, but there are signs the tide is turning. President Barack Obama announced in July a plan to restore federal Pell Grants — need-based college scholarships — for prisoners.

In January, Gov. Andrew Cuomo circumvented legislators who mocked his prison education request as "Attica University" — borrowing the name of the notorious New York prison — and unveiled a plan to instead tap criminal forfeiture funds from the Manhattan district attorney's office.

Man struck, killed by Upper East Side northbound train

A man was struck and killed by a subway train on the Upper East Side Tuesday morning.

Around 4:30 a.m., a northbound train struck the victim near the 77th Street station, officials said to NBC4.

The train, an uptown work train, was unable to stop before hitting the man, who had been seen by the motorman on the roadbed, sources told New York Daily News.

Authorities told NBC4 they believe the victim may have been walking on the tracks, NBC4 added.

The victim died at the scene, and his name has not been released, according to the Daily News.

An investigation into the incident was ongoing, according to NBC4.

JASON NUCKOLLS

The 77 Street station FLICKR

STABBING

UES stabbing not random; suspect in custody: Police

A 19-year-old man is in custody following Tuesday's early-morning fatal stabbing on the Upper East Side, police said.

The suspect, Gustavo Rodriguez, was walking his girlfriend home when he was confronted by her ex-boyfriend, 22-year-old Xavier Olivares, according to police. A loud argument between Rodriguez and Olivares turned physical when Olivares was stabbed multiple times in the chest, CBS2 reported.

The incident happened around 1:15 a.m. at the intersection of Third Avenue and 94th Street.

CBS2 reported that after Rodriguez ran down Third Avenue, the woman stayed with Olivares and hailed a cab to Metropolitan Hospital, where Olivares died from his injuries.

At the hospital, the woman told police this was a random attack and that Olivares was her boyfriend, ABC7 reported.

However, detectives reviewed surveillance video and determined what really happened. A witness told detectives the dispute started when Olivares put his hand on the woman, ABC7 reported.

The scene of the incident GOOGLE MAPS

P.S. 198 is located across the street from the scene and the principal, Nancy Cabrero, told CBS2 that the incident was "too close for comfort."

"I have fifth-graders and fourth-graders that are coming to school by themselves," she said, "and they should be able to feel safe walking to their community school."

Olivares and the woman have a 2-year-old child, according to CBS2.

The investigation is ongoing. Police statistics show that there have been over 1,160 knife attacks in the city so far this year, up 24 percent from last year.

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The suspect PROVIDED

Woman punches man who tries to rape her on Bronx street

Police are asking for the public's help in identifying a man they said attempted to rape a woman on a Bronx street early Monday morning.

On April 11 at about 2 a.m., the suspect followed the 47-year-old victim when she was near West Kingsbridge Road and Webb Avenue, according to authorities.

Once the woman reached the corner of Webb Avenue and Eames Place the man grabbed her from behind and pulled down her pants, cops said. The victim allegedly screamed and punched the suspect who then ran away eastward on Eames Place.

The NYPD, who released surveillance video of the suspect, described the man as in his mid-20s, last seen wearing a black do-rag, black and red jacket, black pants and black, red and white sneakers.

Anyone with information in regards to this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782).

The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website or by texting their tips to 274637 (CRIMES), and then entering TIP577. ANGY ALTAMIRANO

Man gets 25 years for stabbing wife 150 times in front of kids

According to authorities, 32-year-old Diana Sharma was found with a knife coming out of her neck.

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A 41-year-old Queens man will now spend more than two decades behind bars for the killing of his estranged wife whom he stabbed in front of their young children, prosecutors said.

Oscar Novakovsky of South Richmond Hill was sentenced on Monday to 25 years in prison after he pleaded guilty last month to first-degree manslaughter.

According to prosecutors, on Jan. 15, 2012 between 12 and 1 a.m. Novakovsky stabbed his estranged wife, 32-year-old Diana Sharma, in the neck with a knife while inside her 117th Street home.

The fatal stabbing occurred in front of the couple's three children, who at the time were 3, 5, and 9 years old, Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown said.

Sharma was discovered with a knife bulging from her neck and with over 150 stab wounds throughout her body, according to authorities.

> *The children will have to bear the emotional scars of what they witnessed for the rest of their lives.*
> Brown

While in custody, the New York Daily News reported, Novakovsky allegedly told police that their children were screaming and trying to pull him off their mother.

According to the Daily News, a few months before the fatal stabbing, Sharma had gotten an order of protection again Novakovsky after he had attempted to strangle her.

"This heinous act committed by a husband against his wife in front of their three small children as they cried and pleaded with him to stop while they attempted to pull him off of her was vicious and unimaginable," Brown said in a statement. "The children will have to bear the emotional scars of what they witnessed for the rest of their lives. The sentence imposed by the court is more than warranted."

LaGuardia passenger's meltdown caught on video

New video shows one traveler's rage caused by a 12-hour delay at LaGuardia last month.

An angry mother en route to a family vacation in Miami was recorded berating American Airlines employees at LaGuardia in the middle of a gate crowded with delayed passengers, the Daily Mail reported.

"You lied to me. I'm sitting here since 8 o'clock with a 9-year-old who's waiting for her vacation and my 13-year-old and me," her tirade was quoted by the Daily Mail.

Other passengers in the vicinity appeared to capture the woman's anger on video, NBC4 reported, adding that footage of the incident later posted on Facebook has been viewed more than 500,000 times.

The meltdown PROVIDED

"We do apologize that passengers on American Airlines flight 2240 were delayed due to inclement weather at New York's LaGuardia Airport," a spokesperson for American Airlines was quoted by the Daily Mail.

"The inbound aircraft, which was coming from Miami, diverted to Philadelphia due to high winds at LaGuardia."

Jade Weng, the person who recorded the footage, said the video was captured at 2 a.m. after passengers had been waiting for a 9 p.m. scheduled departure, the Daily Mail added.

The flight eventually departed at 8:50 a.m., nearly 12 hours late. JASON NUCKOLLS

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De Blasio and Clinton share an unrelated yuk. A recent joke has many questioning their sense of humor. GETTY IMAGES

De Blasio, Clinton catch flak for joke

The dialogue began with Clinton thanking de Blasio for endorsing her candidacy but pointing out that he did so later than other prominent politicians.

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New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton are defending a racially themed joke at a recent charity dinner.

At Saturday night's Inner Circle dinner, a black-tie function involving New York's political press corps, de Blasio and Clinton appeared together onstage in a skit involving a joke that some critics considered racially offensive, Fox News reported.

The dialogue began with Clinton thanking de Blasio for endorsing her candidacy but pointing out that he did so later than other prominent politicians, the Daily Mail stated. In response, de Blasio said he was "running on C.P. time," making reference to "colored people time," a racist stereotype concerning lack of punctuality among African-Americans.

After that exchange, Clinton delivered a punch line indicating what "C.P." supposedly meant: "Cautious politician time. I've been there," she was quoted by Fox News.

"It was clearly a staged show. It was a scripted show and the whole idea was to do the counterintuitive and say 'cautious politician time,'" de Blasio was quoted by Fox News from a Monday night appearance on CNN in which he defended the skit.

Approximately 100 charities received proceeds from the Inner Circle dinner, which took place at the Hilton Midtown in New York.

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NY playwright sues makers of new 'Barbershop' movie

A New York playwright filed a lawsuit on Monday claiming $20 million in damages and seeking to block Friday's opening in movie theaters of "Barbershop: The Next Cut," the fourth of a series of comedies that he claims rips off his stage play "Scissors."

The lawsuit was filed by Ronald Dickerson, a writer, actor and film director also known as JD Lawrence, against Time Warner Inc, Warner Brothers Pictures, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios Inc and Showtime Networks Inc.

The studios all were not immediately available for comment.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, seeks an injunction blocking the release of the film, claiming the plot, themes, characters and situation bear an overwhelming resemblance to those of "Scissors," a stage play that toured in cities around the country from 1998-2001.

"Barbershop: The Next Cut," which stars Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer, Eve and Nicki Minaj, is the latest of a series of films about the owners of a Chicago barbershop and an Atlanta beauty salon, their employees and neighborhood problems such as gangs and gentrification.

Lawrence's play is about the proprietors of a barbershop and hair salon in a predominantly African-American neighborhood, and events in the community around the business. REUTERS

A woman chats with a chatbot. GETTY IMAGES

Facebook's next frontier: Chatbots and live video

Facebook said on Tuesday it will allow developers to build chatbots inside its Messenger app to enable users to communicate with businesses directly in its latest effort to dominate enterprise transactions and customer service.

The chatbots expedite Facebook's moves to build out Messenger as the go-to place for users to contact businesses rather than through third-party websites and 1-800 lines.

"You'll never have to call 1-800-Flowers again," Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg said during a demonstration of how the chatbots will work.

At the company's annual developer conference in San Francisco, Zuckerberg also announced during his keynote address its live video product, Facebook Live, was open to developers to create new features as Facebook seeks to encourage users to share more original content on the 1.6 billion-person site.

Zuckerberg's address strayed from the normal company news updates by making veiled references to the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign. He referenced comments by Republican frontrunner Donald Trump in particular, saying he heard "fearful voices calling for building walls" and halting immigration.

Zuckerberg kicked off the 30-minute keynote by laying out the company's 10-year plan, which included improvements in artificial intelligence, virtual reality and augmented reality

Last week, Facebook made its biggest push yet in live video by giving the product more prominent placement on its app and rolling out features that make it easier to create and find video.

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BRIEF

VW plans bonus cuts after diesel scandal pressure: Sources
Volkswagen may make significant cuts to bonuses for senior managers, people familiar with the matter said, in an attempt to resolve an internal dispute over executive pay following the diesel emissions scandal at the German carmaker.

Lower Saxony, VW's second-largest shareholder, and the company's powerful labor leaders have called for executive bonuses to be scrapped or cut as Europe's largest automaker counts the multi-billion-euro costs of "Dieselgate.".

VW's nine executives in 2014 earned about 70 million euros ($80 million) in total compensation, including 54 million euros in variable pay, according to company data. That is almost double the 37 million euros rival Daimler (DAIGn.DE) paid its top managers in fixed and flexible remuneration last year.

VW's supervisory and management boards are discussing models that may entail a significant reduction in variable pay, the people said on Tuesday, without giving more specific details.

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BRIEF

Not an endorsement, but close: Obama comments hint at support for Clinton
President Barack Obama seemed to inch a little closer on Tuesday to endorsing former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's presidential bid.

During remarks at a museum dedicated to highlighting the fight for women's equality, the president, who has made clear his admiration for his one-time rival but has not officially endorsed her, said he hoped one day people would be amazed that the United States had not had a female commander-in-chief.

"I want young girls and boys to come here, 10, 20, 100 years from now to know that women fought for equality, it was not just given to them," Obama said of the museum.

"I want them to be astonished that there was ever a time when women were vastly outnumbered in the board room or in Congress. That there was ever a time when a woman had never sat in the Oval Office."

Clinton is running against U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont to be the Democratic Party's 2016 presidential candidate. She lost the 2008 race to Obama, who was then a U.S. senator and who later made her the nation's top diplomat in his administration.

Obama, perhaps realizing that people would read his remarks as a hint of support for Clinton, tempered them by saying he did not know when a woman would win the White House.

"I don't know how long it'll take to get there, but I know we're getting closer to that day because of the work of generations of active, committed citizens," he said.

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Two charged, three detained over attacks

Investigations into the attacks unveiled significant overlap between the groups that orchestrated them.

Rescue workers evacuate victims of the Paris attacks. GETTY IMAGES

Belgium has charged two more men with terrorist offences linked to last month's bombings in Brussels and also searched a house related to the attacks in Paris, detaining three people, federal prosecutors said on Tuesday.

A judge charged the two men, identified as Smail F., born in 1984, and Ibrahim F., born in 1988, over alleged links to the rental of a property that investigators believe was used as a "safe house" before the March 22 suicide bombings in Brussels.

Prosecutors said in a statement that they had searched a house in the southern Brussels district of Uccle, taking into custody three people for questioning over the Nov. 13 shooting and bombing rampage in Paris.

Prosecutors did not comment on what was found in the house search but said the three people detained would appear before a judge on Wednesday to decide whether they would be charged.

Belgian prosecutors said they had reason to believe that those behind the Brussels attacks, which killed 32 people, had initially planned to strike again in France.

Including Smail F., and Ibrahim F., six suspects have been arrested and charged since last week as a result of investigations into the Brussels attacks.

"They are charged with participation in the activities of a terrorist group, terrorist murders and attempts to commit terrorist murders, as a perpetrator, co-perpetrator or accomplice," prosecutors said in their statement.

Police raided the suspected safe house in the central Brussels district of Etterbeek on Saturday, but found no weapons or explosives.

The Belgian newspaper DH said the two men had been seen on security camera footage entering the house the day after the attacks and carrying out several bags.

Four other suspects were arrested on Friday, including Mohamed Abrini, who investigators say has confessed to depositing a bomb at Brussels airport, and Osama Krayem, suspected of buying bags used by the bombers. REUTERS

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French art expert Stephane Pinta shows a radiography of the painting titled "Judith Cutting Off the Head of Holofernes," presented as being painted by Italian artist Caravaggio. GETTY IMAGES

Painting found in French attic is $137 million Caravaggio, say experts

A painting found in the attic of a house in southwest France two years ago was attributed to the Italian master Caravaggio by private French experts who hailed its discovery on Tuesday as a great event in the history of art.

The work, which depicts Biblical heroine Judith beheading an Assyrian general, was found by the owners of a house near Toulouse as they investigated a leak.

It could be worth $137 million, the Eric Turquin art expert agency said.

The painting is thought to have been painted in Rome in 1604-1605 by Michelangelo Merisi, known as Caravaggio, and is in good condition, despite having been forgotten in the attic for probably more than 150 years.

The owners of the painting had no idea they had it until they went to the top of the house to check a leak in the roof, Turquin said. REUTERS

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The information you are about to read can possibly save you from years and years of agonizing knee pain.
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Please pay careful attention.
What you are about to read is a cutting-edge medical treatment... but it is NOT what it appears to be at first glance.
In fact, I'm going to have to ask for a bit of patience from you if you have already ***unsuccessfully*** tried any (or many) other knee arthritis pain treatments.
You see, many knee arthritis sufferers had already tried the treatment we are going to talk about and did not get the results they wanted. But I assure you there is something VERY DIFFERENT about the technology and the way we do this treatment that makes it much different.
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Here's the most important thing: Many said they saw this information SEVERAL times before finally deciding to take action and give us a call. As you can see - they are happy they did.

Once crippled with knee pain, they are playing golf again, dancing again, riding bikes again and going for long walks again.

But we do get
one very common complaint.

And it is: "I wish I started this treatment much sooner." *Let's be very clear about this*. Time is the most precious thing. There is no way to slow it down - or get any back once it is gone.

All the more reason for you to not suffer even one more second than you have to. Missing life suffering in pain is a tragedy. It's time for you to get rid of your knee pan and start living the life you want and deserve.

And please understand this: One of the keys to success in medicine is early diagnosis and treatment. Like many diseases, arthritis only gets worse over time. The longer you wait - the more damage to your knee and the more pain you will be in. If you wait too long, the entire knee joint will be degenerated and your ONLY option will be total knee replacement.

If you are suffering with knee arthritis pain, here is why you should act RIGHT NOW: When you have arthritis, you suffer a decrease in the lubricating fluids in your knee. In other words, your knee joints basically "dries up." The lubricating fluid that decreases is called "synovial fluid." Pharmaceutical companies (with the help of scientists) can now make synovial fluid-like compounds that... during viscosupplementation treatments... doctors precisely inject directly into the knee joint. This helps replace the lubricating fluid to the knee joint - allowing it to move more freely and smoothly and often decreasing or even

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"I am ecstatic with the results of this procedure"

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Republican Paul Ryan rules out 2016 presidential run

Ryan has been the subject of persistent speculation that he could emerge as the nominee if an impasse over the party's pick develops at the Republican National Convention.

Speaker of the House Rep. Paul Ryan
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House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan said on Tuesday he would reject any attempt to draft him as a presidential candidate, trying to silence speculation that he could surface as a unity choice should Donald Trump or Ted Cruz falter.

"Let me be clear: I do not want nor will I accept the nomination of our party," Ryan said in remarks at the Republican National Committee.

In an interview with Milwaukee's WISN radio earlier on Tuesday, Ryan said: "I am going to try again today to put this bed. The answer is 'No' and my strong opinion is, if it goes to an open convention … my answer is the delegates should pick among the people who actually ran for president this year …

"I made a really clear choice not to run for president. Therefore, I will not be nominated. I will not allow my name to be placed in nomination and it will not be me. … I just want to be really crystal clear," he said.

Ryan has repeatedly said he is not interested in entering the presidential race, but advocates for such a scenario have pointed out that he was cool to becoming House speaker until he was finally persuaded to take over from John Boehner last year.

Republicans who see a disaster looming in the Nov. 8 presidential election if Trump or Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas is the nominee have harbored hopes of drafting a popular party figure like Ryan or 2012 candidate Mitt Romney.

For that to happen, no candidate would have garnered the 1,237 delegates required to win the nomination on the first ballot at the convention, and delegates there would have to approve a consensus alternative on a second or subsequent ballot.

Ryan's announcement came on a day when long-shot Republican presidential candidate John Kasich portrayed himself as an antidote to what he called the divisive politics of Trump and Cruz. REUTERS

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Megan Fox is pregnant... again

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Let's go ahead and take this baby bump Megan Fox is sporting as a clear sign of a reconciliation with husband Brian Austin Green. The last we heard from them — in August — Fox had filed for divorce, citing "irreconcilable differences." But since then they've been seen spending plenty of quality time together and with their two young sons. And now it looks like they're going to have another kid to add to the mix, as Fox stepped out on the CinemaCon red carpet in Las Vegas in a very form-fitting dress that quietly confirmed the latest rumors: She's pregnant with her third child. Cheers to them for working through it.

Gwyneth Paltrow fears the world she's created

Gwyneth Paltrow is starting to see the negative effects of the Aspiration Living Industrial Complex are having on modern life, and she's not exactly thrilled about it. The concern, it's real. "I have yet to meet someone who isn't burdened with hyper-responsibility," Paltrow tells Self magazine. "Everyone is suffering from this sense of 'I have to do it all and I have to do it perfectly.' It's all my friends, all my colleagues: We try to do everything to such a high standard. And I'm like, 'Where did we get this from? Because I'm f— ing exhausted!'" Where did we get it, Gwyneth? Well, a certain website that starts with the letter G and rhymes with "poop" certainly isn't helping things. But go ahead, feign ignorance.

Twitter fact-checks Kylie Jenner

Kylie Jenner has said some pretty ridiculous things in interviews lately, but the more hair-raising boast of all may just be that she "started wigs," as she told Marie Claire. "I started wigs, and now everyone is wearing wigs. Kim [Kardashian] just used my wig guy last night," she said. "I just do what I want to do, and people will follow." OK, Jenner. Take a knee. Because the Internet has a history lesson for you. Turns out people have been wearing fake hairpieces for fashion reasons for quite some time — centuries, even. And if you want to keep it relegated to current trends, I know some Real Housewives who would like to have a word with you. Kids these days. No perspective.

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The Tribeca Film Festival takes off

"Equals," starring Kristen Stewart, the concert movie "Contemporary Color" and "A Hologram for the King," with Tom Hanks, all play this year's Tribeca Film Festival, which runs from today through Apr. 24. Visit tribecafilm.com for the schedule and tickets.

Co-founders Robert De Niro and Jane Rosenthal talk about how the event has changed.

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The Tribeca Film Festival is not just a film festival. For one thing, it's no longer just about film. The lines between movies and TV, as well as alternative forms of visual storytelling, have started coming down. In addition to several dozen films, this year's fest, which runs through Apr. 24, includes sidebars on television, installations and a new "Virtual Arcade" devoted to immersive experiences. Film festivals have to change with the times, and Tribeca is doing just that.

For another, the TFF is also about what first inspired it: helping the continued revitalization of not only its home neighborhood but the whole of Lower Manhattan. The festival was founded in 2002 by filmmakers Jane Rosenthal and Robert De Niro, plus real estate maven Craig Hatkoff, in part as a response to the attacks of Sept. 11. Rosenthal and De Niro remember the aftermath: streets covered in dust, tanks rolling down Canal Street, sirens blasting. The community came together to rebuild.

"It was like, 'What do you do as filmmakers?'" Rosenthal recalls thinking. Creating a festival, she says, was "a natural instinct."

Over its 15 years, the TFF has watched as Lower Manhattan has thrived. Since 2011 over 30,000 new residences have been built. Restaurants and bars abound, and even the Financial District, once a ghost town after dark, has started to gain a nightlife.

The TFF too has changed. "The first festival we were carrying film cans," Rosenthal remembers. "Now everyone's streaming. Technology has changed the way we view new content and where we see it. To us, we're a festival about stories. We're agnostic, to a certain extent, about what screen size it's on."

Of course, let's not neglect the movies. There are tons of them, spanning new fiction features to documentaries to shorts. There are big gets, like the sci-fi indie "Equals," starring Kristen Stewart and Nicholas Hoult, and "A Hologram for the King," a European production starring Tom Hanks.

There are local connections, such as "Jeremiah Tower: The Last Magnificent," a doc on the celeb chef, and "Contemporary Color," an immersive concert film shot at the Barclays Center last summer, featuring David Byrne, St. Vincent, and more. There's a film directed by Demetri Martin ("Dean"), a crazy James Franco movie about porn ("King Cobra") and a doc about eating bugs ("BUGS").

Besides, Rosenthal points out, "Film festivals are the original binge-watching."

Robert De Niro and Jane Rosenthal GETTY IMAGES

More than just movies

A chunk of the festival is devoted to "new media." Along with the Virtual Arcade — where you can see new immersive and VR work from alumni of Pixar and Dreamworks Animation — there's "Storyscapes," which is devoted to installations. Among these is "SENS," which replicates the experience of going blind.

Having a TV section might sound dodgy — a kowtow to how television is now in some ways more powerful than film. But the sidebar is about more than showing off episodes of "Broad City" or "The Good Wife."

"You have such fans and such amazing people working in television. Let's see that in a communal environment," Rosenthal explains.

On that anti-vaccination doc

The documentary section has always been among the most reliable parts of the TFF, with films that are both daring in subject matter and often in form. This year the initial slate arguably went too far: Buried in there was "Vaxxed: From Cover-Up to Catastrophe," an anti-vaccination doc made by Andrew Wakefield, the former physician who started the movement with a since discredited 1998 paper.

De Niro himself spoke out about his wish to include it because he has a son with autism, not because he's against vaccinations himself. He wanted to start discussions. Instead he had the film pulled from the festival. (It wound up playing a two-week run at the Angelika Film Center.)

"To me it was worth seeing, but I didn't want to make this whole production about it," De Niro tells us. "I don't know enough about it. I know that I saw this documentary and there were questions I had that would have been worth asking. But there was a problem with the filmmaker that became an issue."

Its near-inclusion doesn't tarnish the fest's reputation for excellent non-fiction. This year's slate still includes thoughtful and attention-raising films on solitary confinement ("SOLITARY"), drone warfare ("National Bird"), arms ("Shadow World"), political satire in Egypt ("Tickling Giants") and the militarization of police ("Do Not Resist").

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"The Golden Girls" was a revolutionary show for Elizabeth Yuko's career.

The 32-year-old writer and bioethicist sums up the science as "basically those topics that people don't want to talk about." Having watched the sitcom about four older women sharing a house in Florida since age 2, Yuko began to realize that a lot of the topics in her research, like end-of-life care and HIV, were addressed on the show.

"Really, for a lot of people, their first exposure to bioethics is through exposure to TV and movies," she says.

If pop culture can teach us about ourselves, what about the people we're watching? Tonight at QED, Yuko will take on "The Ethics of Humans on Display: From Sideshows to Reality Shows," with panelists including a former reality TV lawyer, sideshow performers and "Mrs. Doubtfire" actress Mara Wilson. "And there are also ethical issues in terms of being a consumer," Yuko adds.

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Circus vs. home

The audience for a sideshow was different than reality TV, and that has implications, too. "There was a lot more conscious decision-making with [going to a sideshow]," she points out, "whereas a lot of people end up watching reality shows when they're flipping through channels. As we get older, we're able to recognize this a little bit more, but maybe some of the younger viewers might take that as more reality than it actually is."

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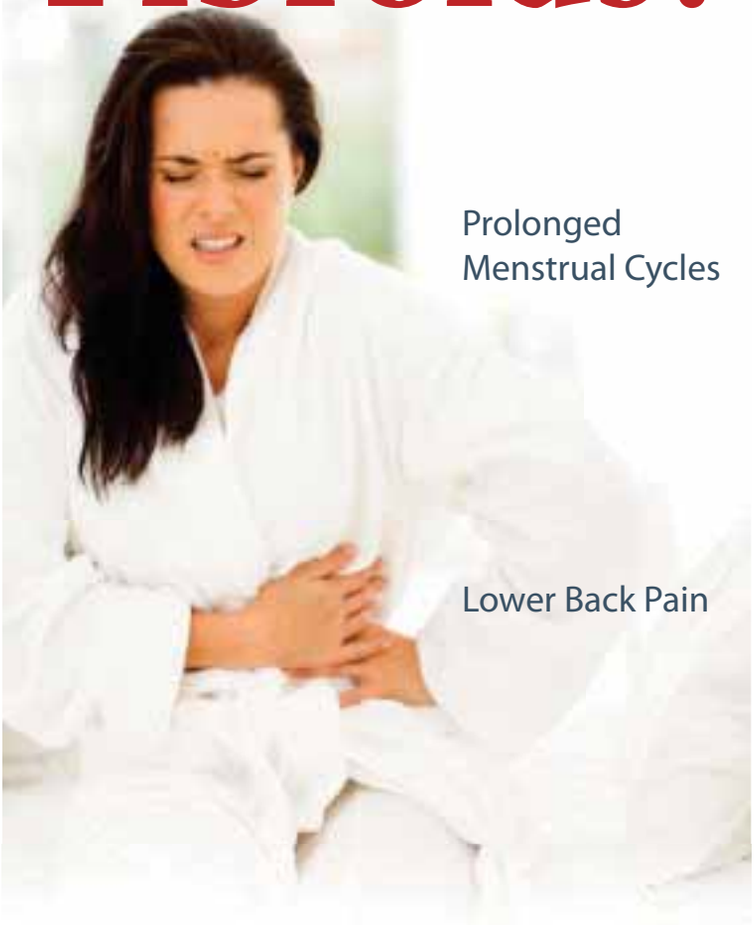

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The good news about spring cleaning is that we're all in this together. According to a survey by digital coupon site RetailMeNot, 80 percent of Americans plan on spring cleaning their homes this year. Here's how we measure up:

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Of those who intend to do a little seasonal cleaning, 85 percent plan to do so without hiring help.

69 percent
When decluttering, 69 percent of those surveyed plan to donate items.

21 percent
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Spring cleaning can be a dirty business! Expert tips on keeping your annual scrub eco-friendly

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Spring cleaning is great for your home. After months of hibernation, there's nothing like a weekend-long scrub to make everything feel a little fresher. But as for our collective home, the Earth? Well, when it comes to the environment, spring cleaning can have some dirty consequences. Before you break out the mop, we checked in with the experts for how to keep things eco-friendly this year.

Know what's in your products

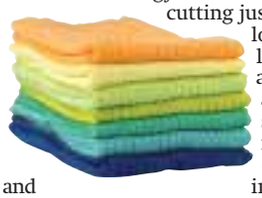
If you're used to shopping for cleaning products at your local big-box store, chances are you're exposing your home to some pretty powerful toxins. The good news? You don't need a chemistry degree to decipher those labels. "I have a secret weapon: The Environmental Working Group has a database of products that breaks down an overall rating," says Julie Hancher, owner, co-founder and editor-in-chief of Green Philly. "If I'm questioning a product in the store, I search the EWG website. I've been notorious to spend twice as long in Target, scanning the best ingredients."

Skip the disposables

You already know that paper towels are wasteful. So what can you do about it? Plenty. "To reduce waste when cleaning, recycle old T-shirts into rags and use a mop with reusable pads for cleaning floors," says Sarah Christie, the blogger behind PeaceLoveOrganicMom.com. "Another way to avoid waste is with reusable paper towels. They come on convenient rolls and are machine washable."

Look at your laundry

By changing just a few of your modern (and, ahem, extremely wasteful) habits, you can save energy and money. "Try cutting just one load of laundry a week and spreading the clothing out among the other load," says Nikki Fotheringham, author and blogger at GreenMoxie.com. "Ninety percent of the energy used for your laundry goes to heating the water, so cold or warm washes are best. If you do eight loads of laundry a week and hang just four of those loads on the line, you can save $47 a year on drying."



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Red-hot Penguins big challenge for Rangers

After missing practice due to the flu, Henrik Lundqvist expects to play in Game 1 Wednesday.

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Alain Vigneault stood in front of the larger-than-usual amount of assembled media members Monday afternoon to give his "state of the Rangers union" address.

During the nine minute and 43 second question-and-answer session, Vigneault was asked for his analysis of the Rangers first-round opponent, the Pittsburgh Penguins.

"Well, probably since Christmas they've been the best team in the league," Vigneault said. "They've been doing it with a real sound defensive structure, real quick transition; obviously [Sidney] Crosby if he's not the best player in the world, he's pretty close to it. And his game, after [a slow] start [points] wise, he's been on a tear. Playing against them the last two [playoff] years since I've been here, they've been highly competitive and hard-fought [series]. And expect the exact same thing.

For the third year in a row, the Rangers and Penguins will meet in the Stanley Cup playoffs. All time, the Rangers are 2-5 against the Penguins, but have won the last two series. Two years ago, the Rangers came back from 3-1 down to eliminate the Penguins in the Metropolitan Division Finals. Last year, it took five games for the Rangers to eliminate Pittsburgh in the Metropolitan Division Semifinals.

Tanner Glass played in both series for both teams. In 2013-14, he was a member of the Penguins, while 2014-15 was his first year as a Ranger. So he, perhaps more than anyone on either roster—with the possible exception of now-Penguins winger Carl Hagelin — had the ability to break down those series from both viewpoints.

"Two years ago I thought we should have won," Glass said. "We were killing them [and] stuff happened and they came back and beat us. [Henrik Lundqvist] was amazing in that series, kind of stole it for them. That's the feeling we had in that locker room. Last year, I think we were just hungry. We played really well early in the games."

Pittsburgh averaged an NHL-high 33.2 shots on goal per game and its 241 goals and 2.94 goals scored per game ranked third, while its 199 goals allowed and 2.43 goals allowed per game were the sixth fewest in the NHL. GETTY IMAGES

While the Penguins are potentially having key components return, the Rangers may enter Game 1 down Ryan McDonagh. Vigneault was adamant the captain will not play Wednesday as he recuperates from a broken hand, incurred in the regular season's final week while blocking a Brandon Dubinsky shot. Dan Girardi practiced Tuesday after skating before and following Monday's practice.

Lundqvist left Monday's practice with a bout of the flu, but Vigneault thought the goaltender would be fine for Game 1.

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It's been an interesting offseason for the Jets as they lost their stalwart left tackle to retirement just a few days ago, and still have yet to resolve that pesky quarterback situation.

Those are glaring needs leading up to the April 28 draft. But with former All-Pro left tackle Ryan Clady being sent over from Denver, via trade, and the extra cap space that the D'Brickashaw Ferguson retirement created, the Jets may finally have the cash to up the ante on bringing back quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick.

General manager Mike Maccagnan has the 20th overall pick, and like his Giants counterpart Jerry Reese, he's inclined to select the best available player — like he did last year when he added Leonard Williams to an already formidable defensive line.

Metro takes a look at the likely prospects that Gang Green will have to choose from at No. 20.

1 Darron Lee, OLB, Ohio State

Head coach Todd Bowles needs to replenish his front seven, particularly the pass rush, and with a hybrid like Lee, the coach would put the Buckeye to good use. Former Notre Dame star linebacker Jaylon Smith would've been a great fit, but he's still rehabbing from an ACL injury that he suffered in his January bowl game. When healthy, Smith would've been a slam-dunk top-10 pick, but with the knee issue, he will very likely still be there at No. 20. The temptation is intoxicating, but the Jets need an immediate player. In steps Lee, who is fast, athletic, and at 218 pounds, can also be used as a rover/safety.

2 Reggie Ragland, ILB, Alabama

The Jets haven't really had great inside linebacker play lately, as David Harris is starting to regress. Veteran Erin Henderson is currently the other inside linebacker — now that Demario Davis has migrated to Cleveland — but Raglan would be an instant plug-and-play at the position alongside Harris. Maccagnan would quickly hand in Ragland's card if he's still available and Lee is already off the board.

Ohio State linebacker Darron Lee scoops up a fumble against Michigan last year. GETTY IMAGES

3 Leonard Floyd, OLB, Georgia

There's a theme in this draft for the Jets, as many think the Fitzpatrick deal will get done sooner rather than later now that the Ferguson retirement cleared up some cap space. Sure, the Jets could still select a passer like Paxton Lynch, but even if Lynch is still there, he could be seen as yet another project, because like Bryce Petty, his college system wasn't conducive to helping him instantly play in an NFL system. Lynch would take a year or two to get acclimated, while Floyd would an instant contributor. The rangy Floyd can do a little bit of everything at linebacker, which means Bowles and Co. can be creative in using the former Bulldog.

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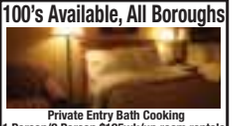

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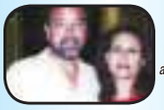

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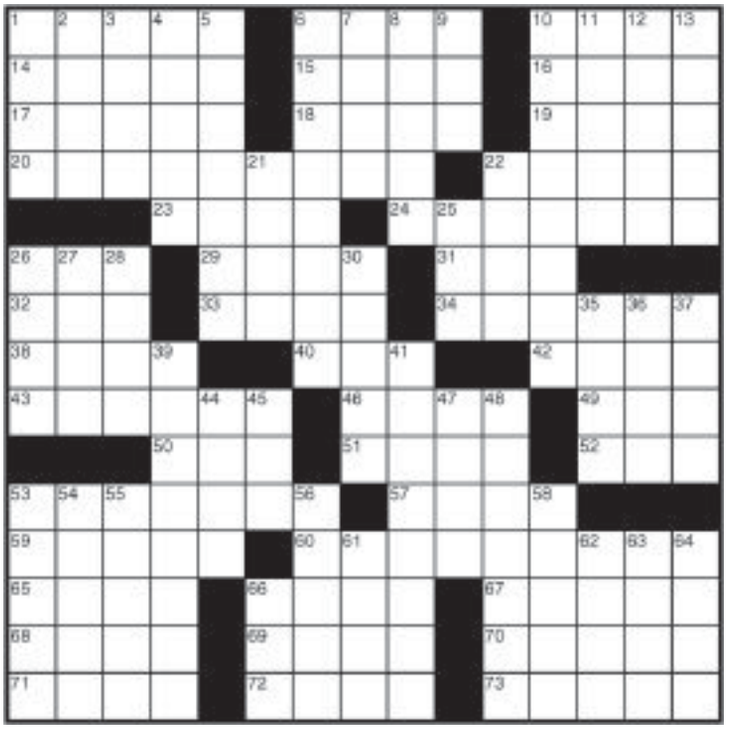

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6 Cut and ran
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15 Lay at anchor
16 Country cousin
17 Doohickey
18 Clapton or Sevareid
19 Paperless exam
20 Cutting
22 Handbag logo
23 Latin I verb
24 Poser
26 Blow one's mind
29 Rostrum
31 Powdery residue
32 128 fl. oz.
33 Ocean-going bird
34 Army duds
38 "Topaz" author
40 Chitchat
42 Girl in "Dracula"
43 "Cocoon" star
46 Bushwhack
49 Youngest Cratchit
50 Not square
51 Trig function
52 Dog days in Dijon
53 Waxy flower
57 Mindy's boarder
59 German coins
60 Talked at length
65 Black, to Donne
66 Turpentine source
67 Cider source
68 Hookah
69 Wayfarer's refuges
70 Vaguely
71 Tarot reader
72 Freud concerns
73 Mountain curves

Down

1 Dye containers
2 — Khan
3 Wildlife refuge
4 Lombardi of coaching
5 Swashbuckler's shout (2 wds.)
6 Worrying too much
7 Loughlin of "Fuller House"
8 Royal decree
9 Solstice mo.
10 Closed carriage
11 Stagger
12 Low-tech calculators
13 Gainsay
21 German coal region
22 Pour forth
25 Squirrel hangout
26 Water, to Juana
27 Balmy
28 Nadelman or Ducommun
30 Chairs
35 Toy on a string
36 No future — —
37 Ditto
39 Tall beer glass
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Aries Keep the peace. Don't infringe on someone's territory at work or at home. Being open and up-front will help you avoid a dispute. Focus on self-awareness and personal improvements.

Taurus Put your goals first. Keep your costs low to avoid financial stress and criticism. An opportunity will spring from a discussion you have with someone quite unusual.

Gemini Don't share too much information regarding what you are up to. Maintaining a bit of mystery will draw more interest than showing off what you have to offer.

Cancer Delve into a project you feel passionate about pursuing. With a little thought and effort, you can make your life and surroundings more convenient.

Leo Get your plans up and running. Your charm and enthusiasm will make someone think about proposing a partnership. Put love on a pedestal and make romance a priority.

Virgo Make a focused effort to have fun and to participate in events or conversations that allow you to show your playful personality. Use your intelligence to win favors and approval.

Libra Make a heartfelt attempt to let someone know how you feel. Finding out where you stand will enable you to make important decisions. Let the response you receive guide you.

Scorpio Consider what you have to offer and lay it out for someone you'd like to work with. Don't underestimate your talent when negotiating a deal. Form partnerships based on equality.

Sagittarius Honesty may get you into trouble, but it will also help you move forward. Put an end to old habits or outmoded methods and prepare to implement new plans.

Capricorn Seek out people you enjoy spending time with. Honest conversation will lead to positive change. Don't take a challenge that involves physical risk.

Aquarius Avoid troublesome situations that make you feel insecure or nervous. Personal gains can be made if you focus on updating your look or romancing someone you love.

Pisces You can learn a lot from observing how others handle confrontation. A practical approach to anyone opposing your ideas will sway him or her to your way of thinking. EUGENIA LAST

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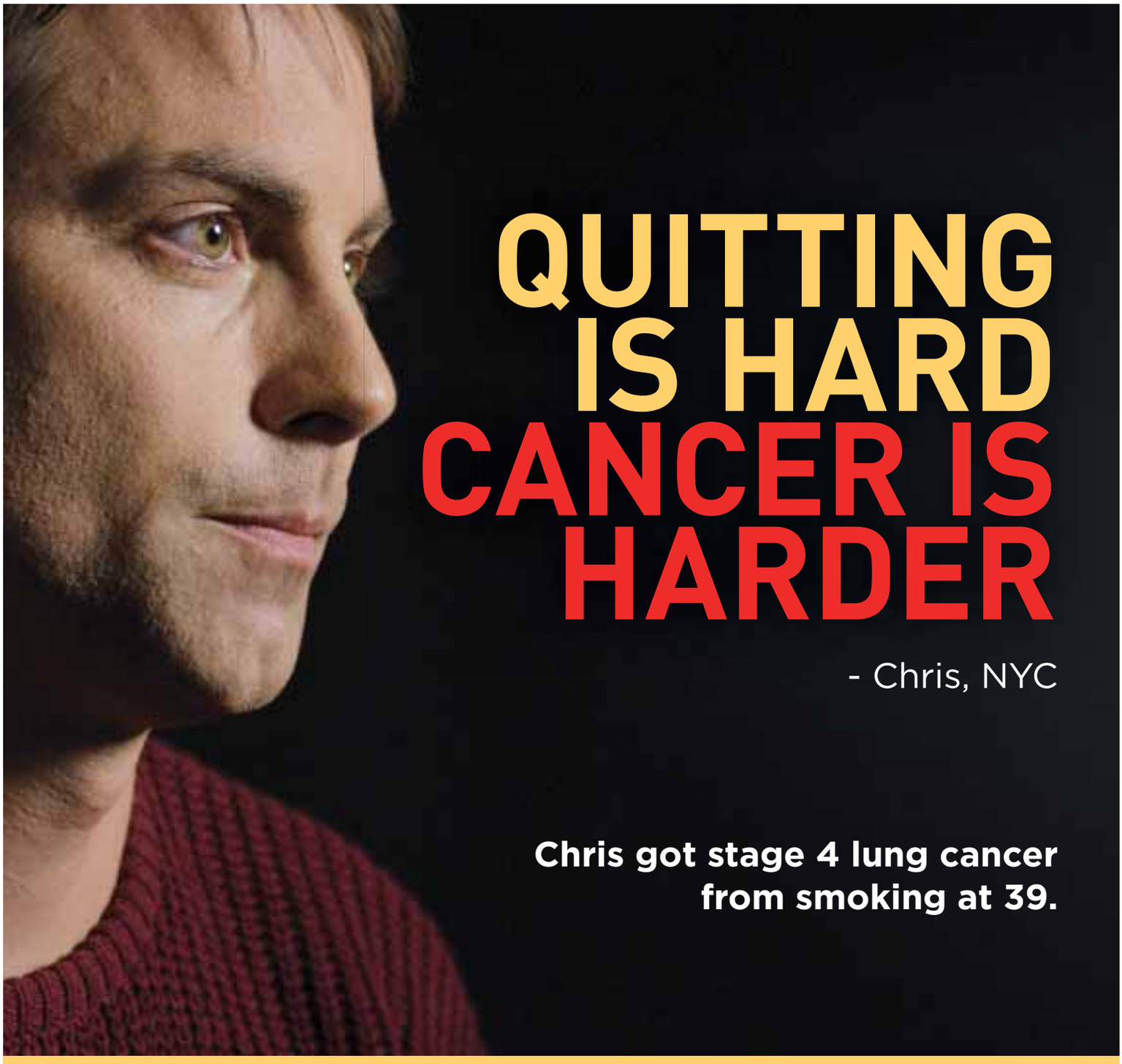

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